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THE NATIONAL HOLINESS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(World Gospel Mission)

- Is strictly interdenominational in organization, thoroughly evangelistic in method, distinctly Wesleyan in doctrine.
- Is now (1950) completing its fortieth year of effective ministry.
- Is a clean channel through which consecrated gifts are profitably invested in the foreign missionary enterprise.
- Is the missionary branch of the National Association for the Promotion of Holiness.
- Is cooperating with many other evangelistic agencies in the great task of winning souls.
- Is thorough in its work, placing more emphasis on quality than on quantity.
- Functions under the name WORLD GOSPEL MISSION in its various missionary fields.

MOTIVE

The object of the Society is to establish, maintain and conduct interdenominational missions and missionary work in foreign lands, to spread scriptural holiness largely through a properly qualified national ministry, and to develop a strong, indigenous work in each field. To this end departments of evangelistic, medical, educational, industrial and other forms of effective service are developed, with the evangelistic emphasis always predominant. In practice as well as in theory every phase of the work centers in evangelism. That is our primary motive and everything else must be, and is, subservient to that motive.

METHOD

Intensive and extensive evangelism

In our own fields of labor the missionaries and their national co-laborers carry on intensive evangelistic work, endeavoring to reach every soul in the field with the Gospel message. This is done through regular church services, open air evangelism, colportage work, tent campaigns and every other possible

means. Extensive evangelistic work is done in cooperation with other societies as doors of service are opened to missionaries or national workers.

Education

In strategic centers Bible training schools are established for the purpose of training a Spirit-filled national ministry. We find they can do more effective work at less cost among their own people, because of their knowledge of the customs and language, and because there is no racial barrier to overcome. This is an important factor in the development of a truly indigenous work.

In areas where public school facilities do not exist or are not adequate, we establish grade schools and high schools, in order that the children of Christian families and others may receive elementary training under Christian influence. This type of work contributes largely to the Bible training program mentioned above.

Medical evangelism

Dispensaries are maintained in most of our fields where those who are suffering physically may come for treatment. Here they also receive the Gospel message, and many have been brought to the Lord as a result of these first contacts with the Gospel through the medical arm of the mission. A hospital is being built in the Urundi (Congo Belge) field, and

another is planned for the Kenya Colony field. One doctor and ten nurses are now serving on all our fields.

Industrial work

In several of the fields industrial departments in connection with the schools are giving young folk practical training which will enable them to become self-supporting, either as workers or as Christian laymen.

MANAGEMENT

The responsibility of directing the work of the Society at home and in its foreign fields rests upon the Board of Directors. The Board meets annually, usually the first week in November. The seven officers of the Board (President, three Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, General Secretary and Superintendent of Prayer Bands) constitute the Executive Committee, which meets frequently during the interim between annual meetings of the Board. The General Secretary, with the aid of an Associate Secretary, is charged with the responsibility of directing the work at home and abroad as the agent of the Board of Directors. The Superintendent of Prayer Bands is in full charge of the Prayer Band Department, under which 17 state auxiliaries have already been

organized and over 500 individual prayer bands are functioning. The responsibility of receiving and disbursing the funds of the Society rests with the Treasurer and with an Assistant Treasurer in the office.

Superintendents in the various fields are elected by their respective missions, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The government of the work on the field is entirely democratic and within the scope of the principles and regulations established by the Board.

The Treasurer's books are audited annually by a registered accountant. The Board consists of 20 members, only three of whom draw support from the funds of the Society—thus leaving the control of the Society's funds wholly in the hands of a group, the large majority of which has no personal interest to serve. This makes for the highest possible efficiency in the use of every consecrated dollar entrusted to the Society.

Missionaries are carefully selected by the Board or the Executive Committee, special care being exercised to study the candidate's spiritual life and qualifications for the particular task to which he is to be assigned, and to ascertain the will of the Lord regarding his appointment.

At its annual meetings the Board of Directors elects members to fill any vacancies, such elections being subject to ratification by the

National Association for the Promotion of Holiness.

MINISTRY

The NHMS ministers in eight distinct fields of service, as follows:

NORTH CHINA

A most fruitful ministry has been carried on for many years in a large field in Shantung province and in the city of Tientsin. This province and city being now under communist control, the work in this field is being done by well qualified Chinese workers who are valiantly serving against tremendous odds. The Tientsin Bible Seminary is functioning under their capable leadership, with about 45 students (1950) preparing for the ministry.

WEST CHINA

Five counties in the populous area adjacent to the wartime capital, Chungking, have been assigned to us. One missionary, Miss Clara Kortemeier, remains there. This area recently came under communist control. Here we cooperate in a fine Bible school under Chinese management and have maintained an intensive and extensive evangelistic program. Six

Chinese workers are still ministering in this field.

The present situation throughout China is a challenge to prayer. Out of the present crisis will come a purer, stronger church. Pray that the multitudes in that land who have not yet heard the Gospel may have an opportunity before it is too late.

INDIA

The South India Bible Institute, established in 1937, now functioning at Kolar in Mysore State, is to be moved to the outskirts of the city of Bungarapet (formerly called Bowringpet) as soon as new buildings can be erected. Here a fine group of earnest young Indian men and women are training for more effective service in India's whitened harvest field. A well qualified staff of missionaries and Indian teachers carries on this vital ministry. A field of 500 villages has been allotted to us to evangelize in this area. A beginning has already been made by the location of two missionaries and a fine young Indian couple at Budikote, where a good dispensary serves the physical needs of the people, regular services are conducted and a program of evangelization in surrounding villages is promoted. The majority of these villages are yet untouched by the Gospel.

KENYA COLONY, AFRICA

A rapidly growing work has developed

here among the Kipsigis tribe. About 25 outposts manned by African workers, a chain of schools with over 1,000 students, a dispensary which is more like a small hospital and a Bible training program keep our entire staff overworked. Another section of the same tribe recently opened to us. This means the work here must be doubled soon.

URUNDI, CONGO BELGE, AFRICA

About 200,000 souls look to us for the Gospel in this field. Three main stations have been opened and are now being developed, besides a fourth one where two neighboring missions will cooperate in several union mission projects, including a Bible training school and a printing plant. A hospital is being built, and an intensive evangelistic program is being carried on with about 35 outposts in operation.

MEXICAN BORDER

Among the tens of thousands of Mexicans in the South Texas area, where Gospel privileges are all too few, the NHMS has established work at McAllen. Here the Taylor Institute, in the McGhie Memorial Building, is training about 60 children ranging from the first to the ninth grades. From among these young people we expect a number to be ready soon for intensive Bible school work. A fine congregation of Mexican Christians meets regularly in the school chapel. Regular

meetings are held in nearby towns on this side and across the Rio Grande in Mexico. Three missionaries are laboring in Old Mexico in cooperation with the Mexican Evangelistic Mission.

HONDURAS

With headquarters in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, our mission here is responsible for the evangelization of about 300,000 people in a field in the central part of the republic. The Bible training school, the "Amigo" press, "Gospel Wings" (the airplane), colporteurs, Honduran workers and missionaries are all putting their best into the task of reaching these precious souls with the unsearchable riches of Christ.

BOLIVIA

Two areas in this country "on the roof of the world" have been entered by our missionaries. Both fields are large, although not densely populated. Missionaries minister not only to white settlers but to jungle (savage) Indians in these very primitive regions. Our work was recently begun here, and the challenge is tremendous. Much suffering, privation and hardship lie ahead.

All of these fields challenge the very best there is in us. By every possible means—intensive and extensive evangelism, schools, medical evangelism, etc.,—we purpose, with the help of God, to press forward in the task

committed to us until self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating work is established in these fields and the areas have been well evangelized. We realize the time is short. Sinister forces would close these doors if possible. What is done must be done quickly and effectively.

MAINTENANCE

From a small beginning in 1910 the NHMS has steadily grown until now it requires approximately $1,000.00 a day to maintain the work of the Society with its 125 missionaries, about the same number of national co-workers, its Bible training schools, elementary schools, colporteurs, evangelistic activities and homeland ministry.

Financial support comes entirely through freewill gifts from individual friends and groups who desire to share in this fruitful ministry. Persons or groups so desiring may support individual missionaries, or may have a share in the support of national workers or students on the fields. Information will be gladly sent to those who inquire about such missionary investments. There are also opportunities for substantial investments, such as memorials, in necessary buildings and other

equipment where one's gifts will greatly speed up the spread of the Gospel.

Over 500 prayer bands are functioning in various parts of the United States. Perhaps there is one in your vicinity. Drop a line to our Chicago office asking for information. You may have a large share in the ministry of the Society through prayer. Write to our Prayer Band Department for suggestions.

Missionary speakers are available from time to time for services in churches, camp meetings, Sunday schools and other gatherings. Our Deputation Department will be glad to let you know when a missionary can come to speak in your community, if you will but write us.

MESSAGE

The NHMS STATEMENT OF FAITH is as follows:

WE BELIEVE

1. That both Old and New Testaments constitute the divinely inspired Word of God, inerrant in the originals, and the final authority for life and faith.

2. That there is one God, eternally existent in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with personality and deity.

3. That the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested in the flesh through the virgin birth, died on Calvary for the redemption of the human family, all of whom may be saved from sin through faith in Him.

4. That man, although created by God in His own image and likeness, fell into sin through disobedience and "so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12).

5. In the salvation of the human soul, including the new birth; and in a subsequent work of God in the soul, a crisis, wrought by faith, whereby the heart is cleansed from all sin and filled with the Holy Spirit. This gracious experience is retained by faith as expressed in a constant obedience to God's revealed will, thus giving us perfect cleansing moment by moment. (1 John 1:7-9)

6. That the Church is the body of Christ; that all who are united by faith to Christ are members of the same; and that, having thus become members one of another, it is our solemn and covenant duty to fellowship with one another in peace, and to love one another with pure and fervent hearts.

7. That our Lord Jesus Christ in His literal resurrection from the dead is the living guarantee of the resurrection of all human beings: the believing saved to conscious eternal joy, and the unbelieving lost to conscious eternal punishment.

8. That our Lord Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of His own promise, both angelically and apostolically attested, will personally return in power and great glory.

The above STATEMENT OF FAITH embodies the mesage which our missionaries are giving forth and which is bringing release from the bondage of sin to thousands on our various fields whose names are being added to the *Lamb's Book of Life.*

We earnestly solicit prayer in behalf of our 125 missionaries and their national co-workers and for the progress of the work of the Lord in the fields mentioned above. The responsibilities facing us in these eight fields are tremendous, and new calls are coming from other fields from time to time. We believe that Christian people, with their prayers and gifts, should support a work like this of the NHMS because:

1. It is largely a *Bible* ministry, evangelism characterizing every phase af the work.

2. It is organized and operated on an economical and efficient basis.

3. It seeks not merely to build up an organization, but to win souls and develop a strong, self-supporting ministry on the fields.

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